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Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution during the prosecution of this application, and that the documents be made of record therein and appear on any patent to issue therefrom. Copies of documents <u>C1</u> and <u>C2</u> are enclosed. Document <u>C1</u> is cited in document <u>C2</u>, an Office Action mailed January 15, 2009, in U.S. Appl. No. 10/066,057.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed after the mailing date of a first Office Action after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR 1.114, but before an action that closes prosecution (37 CFR 1.97(c)).

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